



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Lorin DeBonte, et al.                      Art Unit : Unknown  
Serial No. : 09/771,904                                      Examiner : Unknown  
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Title : FATTY ACID DESATURASES AND MUTANT SEQUENCES THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.47(A)**

The above-identified application names Lorin R. DeBonte, Guo-Hua Miao and Zhegong Fan as inventors. As set forth in the accompanying Declarations of David L. Biek and Ronald C. Lundquist, Mr. Miao refuses to join in the above-identified application. The Biek Declaration is supported by Biek Exhibits A-B. Mr. DeBonte and Mr. Fan have executed a Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.63 on behalf of themselves and Mr. Miao.

The last known address of Mr. Miao is 202 Cherry Blossom Place, Hockessin, DE 19707.

Applicants request that the application be made by Mr. DeBonte and Mr. Fan on behalf of themselves and Mr. Miao.

A check in the amount of \$130.00 for the fee pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.17(i) accompanies this petition. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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